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SUBJECT: STATUS OF FRENCH-MEXICAN SOLAR ENERGY COOPERATION

1. ON FEBRUARY 3-4, 1977, ERDA REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE FRENCH COMPANY SOFRETES, WHICH IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS IN MEXICO.

2. SOFRETES OFFICIALS CLAIMED THAT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING PROGRAM TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEVERAL THOUSAND SOLAR PUMPS.

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3. ERDA REQUESTS INFORMATION ON VALIDITY OF THIS STATEMENT AND THE EXTENT OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT INTEREST AND PLANNING IN THIS REGARD. THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE VALUABLE FOR UP-COMING CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON PROPOSED CHANGES IN ERDA AND AID LEGISLATION WITH REGARD TO COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES.

4. KINDLY REQUEST RESPONSE BY MARCH 21.

5. FYI: SOFRETES OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT THEY NOW HAVE EIGHTEEN SOLAR WATER PUMPING INSTALLATIONS IN MEXICO. THEIR LITERATURE SHOWS THAT AS OF SEPTEMBER 15, 1976 THERE WERE ELEVEN POWER STATIONS IN OPERATION, EIGHT DELIVERED AND IN THE COURSE OF INSTALLATION, AND ONE UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THOSE IN OPERATION INCLUDE:

----CABORCA (SONORA) 1974: SURFACE AREA -- 90M2 -- SCHOOL

----CEBALLOS (DURANGO) 1974: 90M2 -- SCHOOL

----MEXICO 1974 -- MOVABLE DEMONSTRATION

----CEDRAL (POTOSI) 1975: 80M

----MEXICALI 1975: 80M2

----LA CRUZ 1975: 80M

----CAMPECHE 1975: 80M2 -- SCHOOL P

----SAN LUIS DE LA PAZ (25-33KW): 1975 -- 1500M2 -- WATER

----SUPPLY FOR CITY

----CAMARGOS (CHIHUAHUA) 1976: 90M2

----TODOS SANTOS 1976: 90M

--,RESTAURANT

----TOLOSA ZACATECAS 1976: 90M2 -- VILLAGE HOSPITAL.

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